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SUGGESTION BY SERC FOR OLD RAIL AND ROAD BRIDGES
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Structural Engineering ResearchCentre (SERC) has made any suggestions to test all road and rail bridges in the country which are over 75 years old;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the SERC has held any discussion with the Ministry of Railways andvarious road authorities in the country in this regard; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a),(b),(c)&(d) : No Sir. However, the Structural Engineering Research Centre (SERC), Chennai carries out integrity and condition assessment of bridges only at the instance and request of the concerned authorities. SERC, Chennai discusses with the concerned rail and road authorities, from time to time, the work that it could undertake for them. These discussions generally culminate in projects being undertaken for specified work.